
ATTENTION OF:
All Louisiana Low Income Home Energy
Assistance Program (LIHEAP) Providers

NOTICE: LHP-2022-02

ISSUED: November 10, 2022

This notice remains in effect until amended,
superseded, or rescinded

SUBJECT: Louisiana LIHEAP Continuing Appropriations Act (CAA) 2023 Supplemental Funding

On November 1, 2022, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), Administration for Children and Families (ACF), Office of Community Services (OCS), Division of Energy Assistance (DEA) released \$12,800,569 in supplemental funding for the State of Louisiana's Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) for federal Fiscal Year (FY) 2023.

Congress appropriated these funds under the *Continuing Appropriations Act (CR), 2023 (Public Law 117-180)*, signed into law on September 30, 2022. This act provided \$1 billion in emergency supplemental funding.

Effective November 15, 2022, these funds will be released with the FY 2023 Louisiana LIHEAP Subgrantee Agreements. This Notice hereby supplements the LIHEAP Service Delivery Guide in regards to how to qualify applicants and disburse the Continuing Appropriations Act (CAA) 2023 Supplemental funds.

Subgrantees must expend CAA 2023 Supplemental funds by **December 31, 2023** to avoid any risk of loss of funds.

Intake Procedures

All intake and eligibility services must be conducted in accordance with previously established regular LIHEAP policies and procedures.

Benefit Determination

Effective November 15, 2022, the FY2023 LIHEAP program will begin. Clients are eligible for one benefit from each regular allocation (Heating, Cooling, Crisis) as described in the Louisiana LIHEAP Service Delivery Guide (effective February 1, 2022) and the FY2023 Louisiana LIHEAP Model Plan.

In addition to the FY2023 regular benefits, each household will receive one **\$200 supplemental benefit** paired with one qualifying application until all CAA 2023 Supplemental funds are expended. No additional appointment or application will be necessary.

While the regular LIHEAP allocations have a prescribed utility vendor that must be paid, for the purpose of the CAA 2023 Supplemental funds, clients must be given the opportunity to determine which utility vendor to apply the supplemental benefit. Clients may choose their heating vendor or cooling vendor or both. Subgrantees should strongly encourage clients to apply the supplemental benefit to any utility in arrearages.

Income Eligibility

All previous LIHEAP income eligibility requirements still apply. This includes the LIHEAP Income Eligibility Limits for FFY2023 – Louisiana released on October 1, 2022 in Notice LHP-2022-01.

Documentation

All previous LIHEAP documentation requirements still apply.

If you have any questions regarding this notice, please contact the LHC Energy Assistance Department at E4@lhc.la.gov or Lauren Holmes at lhartley@lhc.la.gov.

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